

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

*Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.*

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

Now you can begin your New Year resolutions.

THERE are six women dentists in Philadelphia.

MUNKACSY, the distinguished artist, has sailed for home.

P. T. BARNUM is building three toboggan slides at Bridgeport.

A CONNECTICUT man has invented a mast that bends to the gale.

The South Carolina General Assembly has adjourned sine die.

AN ORLANDO (Fla.) warehouse holds 200 barrels of orange wine.

A TRAIL of \$25,500,000 is still needed to finish the Panama canal.

A BOSTON dentist has had to pay \$150 for pulling the wrong tooth.

GENERAL MILES is considered the hand-somest officer of the army.

SINCE the Franco-German war 115 statues have been erected in France.

SIG. MARCANTONIO CANINI, of Venice, can speak ninety-three languages.

The first crematory in the South is about to be constructed near San Antonio, Tex.

The man who writes Xmas for Christians will probably refer to next Fourth of July as 4-7-87.

Of the 45,000 votes cast in the recent election Washington Territory, 15,000 were cast by women.

CALIFORNIA claims the largest squash of the season. It was raised at Lompoc, and weighs 25 pounds.

TENNESSEE's peanut crop this year is worth \$700,000. The average yield per acre is forty-two bushels.

NEARLY 40,000 doctors have been graduated from the various medical colleges during the last ten years.

A HELENA, (M. T.) man offers to bet one hundred dollars that he can live for three months on hay and oats.

The largest tree in California is in Tulare County, and is 400 feet high, and the trunk 138 feet in circumference.

EMPEROR WILLIAM, if he lives until next March, will be ninety years old. The oldest ruler of modern times.

MR. CHARLES STEWART PARNELL is said to receive more letters and to answer less than any other man in Europe.

The British Medical Journal reports a case of poisoning from the accidental swallowing of a piece of an aniline pencil.

A WOMAN who recently died in New York was found, upon post-mortem examination, to have a needle imbedded in her heart.

WITHOUT a miss a marksman broke 105 glass balls at twenty-five yards, rise, on a wager, at Keypoint, N. J., a few days ago.

TELEPHONING between New York and Philadelphia is now as easy as it was between points a block apart a few months ago.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN announces that his political life is ended, and that he will hereafter receive his undivided attention.

The Harrison Memorial Association, of Ohio, will ask the legislature to appropriate \$30,000 for a statue of Old Tippecanoe.

Russia has advertised for 2,000,000 pairs of shoes. The Czar evidently wants to keep his family in footwear during the sliding season.

"The peace of Europe," says an ex-change, "costs about \$1,000,000 a year." And even at that price Europe gets an satisfactory article.

GEORGE SHEPARD, of Iowa, has lost three wives by the "accidental discharge" of his revolver. The third time he was arrested and held for murder.

The largest copper plates ever rolled in Pittsburgh, Pa., were turned out a few days ago. They were circular in form, and measured 176 inches in diameter.

At Martinsville, Ind., there was born to the wife of Edward Bishop a girl baby weighing two pounds. The child is perfectly formed, is pale and healthy.

There are in the whole United States about thirty or forty locomotive works, turning out about 3,000 locomotives a year, and employing about 15,000 hands.

The discovery of a network of so-called canals on the planet Mars by Schiaparelli several years ago has been confirmed by observers both in England and Italy.

The Washington Monument is completed excepting the terrace work at the base, etc., and now the question is how to preserve it and protect it from vandalism!

It will astonish many people to learn that a French duel has resulted fatally. Neither of the contestants shot the other, but one of them went home and shot himself.

An experienced philosopher and sportsman observes that it is easier to lug a heavy shot-gun ten hours through an impenetrable swamp than to put up a clothes-line.

An Australian has invented an electrical machine-gun, which he claims is capable of firing 120 rounds every few seconds from any position and in any direction.

NEW YORK CITY has a daily newspaper printed in the Hebrew language and in Hebrew characters, and called the *Daily Gazette*. There are only two like it in the world.

MIDDLE Tennessee is to organize an anti-horse-thief association and offer a reward of \$300 for every animal stolen. There are more horses stolen in that section now than at any time since the war.

JOE DEMERS, fifteen years old, and black, went down to the landing at Jeffersonville, Ky., to see a steamboat go out. As he stood looking she blew her whistle viciously, and immediately the boy lost the power of speech and hasn't spoken since.

An Englishman who lately visited the cemetery at Lisbon, where Fielding is buried, reports that the great novelist's grave is uncared for and overgrown and the inscription in some places almost obliterated.

GAVARRE, the famous Spanish tenor, sixteen years ago received eighty cents an evening for singing in a Madrid concert hall. He recently made a contract to sing fifty nights in Italian opera, for which he will receive \$70,000.

Such is the rapid growth of population in London, particularly in the east, that it is stated on good authority that 65,000 persons are now being added yearly to a population already numbering 5,000,000.

## A FLEET IN FLAMES.

Million Dollar Fire At the Cairo Wharf.

The City of Natchez, the R. S. Hayes and Four Barges Destroyed—Loss to the Insurance Men Very Heavy.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 28.—Fire at 6 o'clock this morning destroyed the Mississippi Valley Transportation steamer R. S. Hayes and four barges and the Anchor Line steamer City of Natchez while lying at the bank. The fire is supposed to have originated in the aft cabin of the steamer Hayes, soon enveloping the whole boat, burning her to the water's edge. The fire spread to the City of Natchez, lying just below the Hayes, and in a few moments she too was a mass of flames. The barges along side the Hayes, loaded with cotton, soda ash and sundries, also took fire and were completely destroyed. Nothing but the wrecks of the burned hulls remain. The City of Natchez was built at Jeffersonville three years ago and was valued at \$100,000. She was one of the finest boats on the Mississippi. The Hayes was built by the Valley Company about five years ago and valued at about \$50,000. The loss of the Valley barges and contents will make the total loss reach about \$1,000,000. The insurance company has been advised to pay \$100,000. She was one of the finest boats on the Mississippi. The Hayes was built by the Valley Company about five years ago and valued at about \$50,000. The loss of the Valley barges and contents will make the total loss reach about \$1,000,000. The insurance company has been advised to pay \$100,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—It is stated that convincing proofs of Haight's complicity in the Frisco express robbery is in possession of the Pinkertons, and there is no longer a doubt that Haight was the instigator of the crime, and Weaver and Witrock were his partners. It was Haight, it is said, who conceived the idea of writing to J. B. Barrett, the route agent, in order to get a copy of that gentleman's letter heads and cards printed in St. Louis, but they were either afraid to or could not do so, and they had the work done in this city by a firm that has admitted to it the detectives, and told still further that Haight was the man who gave the order. It was on these letter heads and cards that the plotters tried to have these letter heads and cards printed in St. Louis, but they were either afraid to or could not do so, and they had the work done in this city by a firm that has admitted to it the detectives, and told still further that Haight was the man who gave the order. 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The public school gave the pupils last week for holidays.

Quite a number of visitors were in Louisa during the holidays.

The Baptists gave a masquerade mite at Drake's Hall Christmas night.

Jack Marcus and Tom Carter were brought up from the Catlettsburg jail Saturday.

Superintendent of Schools, R. C. McClure, now has his office in the old hotel building.

A mite will be given at Rev. Lauck's next Friday night for the benefit of the M. E. Church, South.

Criminal Court has been in session here since December 27th. The attendance has been unusually small.

J. Q. Lackey took a Mrs. Numley to the lunatic asylum at Lexington last week, she having been adjudged insane.

Lawrence county now has a sheriff. Mr. A. L. Shannon has given the required bond and entered upon his duties.

The Deputy United States Marshals took some of our citizens before Commissioner Friend at Prestonsburg, last week.

The Free Masons of Louisa have sent little Frank Crutcher to the Masonic Widow's and Orphan's Home at Louisville, Ky.

Prof. G. M. Elam and Miss Hannah Moore have been appointed a Board of Examiners, by R. C. McClure, Superintendent of Schools.

There has been more sickness in Louisa and vicinity within the last month than for quite a while before. A large number of children have been and are still afflicted.

After the News was issued on December 23rd we concluded to take a week's recess and enjoy the holidays, and therefore did not get out an issue on the 30th.

### Notice.

The Law Partnership heretofore existing between W. W. Marcus and J. W. Rice has been dissolved, the time for which said Partnership was agreed to exist having expired Dec. 22nd, 1886.

W. W. MARCUS.  
J. W. RICE.

List of Letters in P. O. Louisa, Ky., Jan. 1st, 1887, unclaimed and uncalled: Geo. Bartley, Jno. Endicott, Thos. Lone 2, Thos. Hoggard, Mattie Ingle, Bob Neice, Geo. Large, Asberry Waller, Dick Wellman.

C. C. SULLIVAN, P. M. Louisa.

The Legislative Hall of the beautiful Capitol at Nashville, Tenn. are damp, and it is no wonder therefore that Coussens' Honey of Tar is in such demand among her law-givers. They want to be relieved of coughs, colds and diseases of the throat and lungs, and know that Coussens' Honey of Tar is the only permanent cure. If suffering with a cold try it.

The Supervisors of the tax books began work Monday. The following is a list of the gentlemen comprising the board: D. J. Burchett, Jno. Holton, Gordon Burgess, Thompson Berry and Lafayette Cooksey.

Major Burchett was not enjoying very good health, and was replaced Tuesday morning by W. D. Rose.

The following officers were elected Dec. 27th, by Apperson Lodge, No. 196, F. A. A. M., for the year 1887: D. J. Burchett, W. M.; J. H. O'Brien, S. W.; J. W. Jones, S. W.; Alex. Lackey, Treas.; A. J. Conley, Sec.; T. J. Snyder, S. D.; J. A. Shannon, J. D.; N. C. Waldeck, S. & T.; Rev. L. H. Suddith Chaplain.

The following resolutions on the death of Tommy Lyttleton were adopted by the C. L. S. C.

Whereas, The Angel of Death has waved his somber pinion over the household of one of our Circle, and our friends now mourn the untimely death of a bright and beautiful boy,

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua Circle of Louisa tender their warmest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Lyttleton in their hours of bereavement, and knowing that no words of ours can mitigate such grief as theirs, we can only commend them for consolation to the Good Father in whose bosom their beloved now sleeps.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread on the record of the Circle, and that a copy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Lyttleton, and that they be published in the Big SANDY NEWS. G. W. WROTON, Pres. MAGGIE HATCHER, Sec'y.

The news of the drowning of Tommy Lyttleton was received by our community with much sorrow and regret. This sad accident occurred on Christmas night, about 11 o'clock, as Prof. Lyttleton and family were getting on board the steamer Ingomar, on which they intended to go to Pikeville. The unfortunate child stepped between the wharf and steamboat and was never seen again. Search for the body was begun at once. The next morning (Sunday) a thorough search was begun and was continued almost without cessation during the day. No services were held at the M. E. Church, South, as a large number of the people were aiding in some way in the search for the body. Considerable searching was done through the following week, but it was all in vain. Tommy was an exceedingly bright and intelligent little boy, of seven years of age.

The deepest sympathies and tenderest feelings of this entire community are with the family.

### OFFICE OF SUP'T SCHOOLS.

There will be held at the office of the County Superintendent of Public Schools of Lawrence county, Ky., on Tuesday, February 1st, 1887, an examination of all pupils throughout the county who may have completed the prescribed course of study and Certificates of Graduation, will issue to all applicants of approved deportment who shall attain a general average of not less than seventy-five per cent on the entire course of instruction prescribed for the Common Schools, but on no subject less than sixty per cent. A certificate officially indorsed and sealed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be forwarded to this office for each successful applicant. Teachers and Trustees throughout the county are respectfully requested to give notice to all pupils who may desire to enter this examination, that such is their privilege, and they would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity to get an official endorsement of their attainments in the Common School Course prescribed by the State. Article I, Section 10, Common School Law.

### Court Proceedings.

Criminal Court convened here on the 27th ult., with 670 cases on the dockets.

The following is a list of the Grand Jurors: G. C. Ratcliffe, Foreman; J. L. Allison, Reuben Berry, J. T. Dean, J. E. Evans, F. F. Freese, Albert Copley, Jas. Hulett, Samuel Hall, U. G. Kise, J. C. Lyons, Wm. Pollard, John P. Riffe, W. M. Stone, R. H. Spencer, John Walden and Heraford Preston.

Below is a list of the petit jurors: Jas. A. Abbott, Allen Caperton, Andrew Cooksey, Thos. Carter, Chas. Diamond, John Fletcher, Wm. Holbrook, Garred Hughes, H. B. Hulett, M. H. Johns, J. L. Moore, T. R. Moore, Ed. Meek, Fred McHenry, G. C. McCormack, Robert Ross, J. B. Spencer, Lafe Skaggs, Jno. Thompson, Ben Vaphorn, Jas. Workman, N. D. Waldeck and H. B. Wellman.

No important cases were tried the first week. Court adjourned Friday morning until Monday.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Thos. Carter, (as an accomplice with "Pud" Marcus in the murder of Fisher Marcus) was set for Monday, Jan. 3rd. The Court proceeded at once, after convening, to secure a jury. This was at length completed, and is composed of the following men: Lafayette Skaggs, M. H. Johns, Wm. Castle, T. G. Austin, M. L. Moore, T. R. Moore, H. B. Williams, Robt. Ross, Fred McHenry, O. D. Peck, S. P. Wooster and T. P. Salyer.

The attorneys for the defense in this case are: Jerry Riffe, Alex. Lackey, R. T. Burns, G. W. Castle and G. W. Skaggs. Commonwealth's Attorney, S. G. Kinney, and County Attorney, W. W. Marcus, are conducting the prosecution.

The regular jury was discharged Tuesday morning until next Monday.

Miss Inez Frank is visiting in Cattlettsburg.

Fred Frank has returned to school at Lexington.

L. M. Preston, of Peach Orchard, was in town Friday.

Mrs. Hughes was visiting at Kilgore and Kraut's Station last week.

Lindsay and Boyd Vinson, of Ceredo, W. Va., spent Christmas in Louisa.

"Bud" Loar has returned to Louisa after a long stay in Pike county.

Capt. J. C. Hopkins and Col. L. T. Moore, of Cattlettsburg, were in town this week.

Miss Jennie Burgess returned to school Tuesday, after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Nora Borders stopped in Louisa a short time while on her way home from Wesleyan College Christmas.

### CASSVILLE, W. VA.

Dec. 28th, 1886.

Christmas came last Saturday, all covered with mud.

A select school began at this place last Monday with Wayne Jarrel as principal, and Millie Bell as assistant. A good school is anticipated.

Our little village had two Christmas trees last Christmas eve, viz. Presbyterian and Baptist.

We noticed A. J. Loar, John Littlejohn and Geo. Thornberry, of your town in this place last Sunday night visiting their—well I will say friends.

Finley Kirkpatrick, who is teaching school in the lower end of the county, spent Christmas at home.

Miss Mary Wellman closed a school on Twelve Pole last week, and is now at home.

B. C. Howell, of New York, arrived at this place last week.

Mac Baker and wife, of Frankfort, Ky., are visiting relatives and friends in our little town.

The Baptists closed a revival here

here last week, and the result was many got on board the Ship of Zion.

Witness my hand this Jan. 6th, 1887.

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of Execution No. 750 directed to me, which issued from the Clerk's office of the Royal Circuit Court in favor of J. C. Richardson (adm'r. of John E. Burchett deceased) against K. F. Vinson and R. F. Vinson for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, with interest from Oct. 8, 1884, also, Three Hundred Dollars with interest from Jan. 8, 1886, subject to a credit of \$5.65, Dec. 23, 1885, also, One hundred and Fifty Dollars, Feb. 26, 1885, I, or one of my Deputies, will on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1887, between the hours of 10 a.m. 4 p. m., at the Court House in Louisa, Lawrence county, Ky., expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, the following property (or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's debts interest and cost), to-wit: A tract of land back of Louisa, Ky., in Lawrence county, containing about 35 acres and known as the Amelia Allison tract and for a better description reference is had to deed from Dr. York, on file at the County Clerk's office of Lawrence county, Ky. Said tract of land was surrendered for sale on the above file, Fa. Pa. by K. F. Vinson and R. F. Vinson. Levied upon as the property of K. F. & R. F. Vinson.

TERMS.—Sale will be made on a credit of three months, bond with approved security being required of the purchaser, with interest from date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment.

Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

of six months, the following described property to-wit: A tract of land situated on Lick Creek in Lawrence county, bounded as follows: Beginning at the upper corner of a tract of land conveyed by Left. and wife to Elizabeth Stanford at a stake on Lick Creek; thence running up Lick Creek a distance to a point, where a line running the hill on the North West side of Lick Creek, parallel with said Elizabeth Stanford's line to Geo Piggs back line; thence with same to Elizabeth Stanford's corner; thence with her line to the beginning.

Or sufficient amount thereof to produce the sums of money so ordered to be paid.

For the purchase price, the purchaser, with approved security, must execute bond bearing legal interest from day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment.

Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

JAS. Q. LACKEY,  
M. C. L. C. C.

### COMMISSIONER'S SALE

John Powers, Pitt., Judgment.  
David Stewart, others, Defts.)

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Lawrence Circuit Court, rendered at the August term thereof, 1886, in the above styled cause, for the sum of \$742.28 with interest at the rate of six per cent, per annum from the 3rd day of November, 1882, until paid, together with the costs, subject to a credit of \$40 May 2nd, 1881, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court house door in Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1887, at one o'clock p. m. or therabouts (being County Court day), upon a credit of nine and eighteen months, the following described property to-wit: A tract of land situated on Bear creek in Lawrence county, Ky., and bounded as follows:—Beginning on top of a ridge between Rove creek and Bear creek at a small black oak; N. 39 E. 36 poles to a stake; N. 24 W. 73 poles to some large rocks on a point; 70 poles to the mouth of a branch, and thence running up the branch; N. 55 W. 102 poles to the top of the hill; S. 54 W. 50 poles to a stake; N. 76 W. 34 poles to a stake; S. 69 W. 45 poles to a stake; S. 55, 250 poles to the beginning.

Or sufficient amount thereof to procure the sum of money as ordered to be paid.

For the purchase price, the purchaser, with approved security, must execute bond, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment.

Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

JAS. Q. LACKEY, M. C. L. C. C.

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of Execution No. 343, directed to me, which issued from the Clerk's office of the Lawrence Circuit Court, in favor of G. W. Castle and against Julia McHenry, for the sum of Fifty Dollars, with interest from April, 1885, I, or one of my Deputies will, on Monday, the 17th, day of January, 1887, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., at the Court House door in Louisa, Lawrence county, Ky., expose to Public Sale to the highest bidder, the following property (or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's debt interest and costs), viz.: One house and lot now occupied by Julia A. McHenry and known on the Town plat of Louisa as lot No. 28, situated on the corner of Main Cross and Madison Streets in Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, it being described as being on a white oak and sassafras on the top of a ridge a corner to E. H. & M. F. Gambills land lately bought of Walter Segraves; and thence with Gambills line S. 69 E. 13 poles to a chestnut sprout; S. 13 E. 23 poles to a white oak bush; S. 46 E. 27 poles to a sassafras and black oak; N. 35 E. 10 poles to a black oak bush; S. 61 E. 94 poles to a black oak; S. 66 E. 73 poles to a stake on the old line of the 100 acre survey patented to Wm. Spurlock, same run by Wm. Fullerton; thence with said line down Laurel creek; N. 15 W. 70 poles to a stake; N. 35 E. 94 poles to a stake; N. 37 W. 90 poles to a stake on the old Philip Johnson line in Laurel creek; thence up the creek on the said Johnson line; S. 22 W. 75 poles to a stake; N. 70 W. 28 poles to a bush and sourwood and Patent corner to a 25 acre survey patented to Wm. Spurlock and the Edmunds line; thence up the point in the said Edmunds line: W. 74 poles to a stake on top of the ridge, thence in the line of the 25 acre survey; S. 25 W. 30 poles to a chestnut and white oak, the beginning corner of the Wm. Spurlock 25 acre survey; thence a straight line to the beginning. Or a sufficient amount thereof to produce the amount of the judgment including the costs of advertisement of sale.—Total \$376.10 and in addition thereto costs of advertising \$10.00. The purchaser will be required to give bond with approved personal security, for the payment of the purchase money to have the force of a judgment, and bearing interest from date until paid. Bidders will have to comply with these terms. The bond will be made payable to Pitt' Abner Spurlock, upon which the Attorney for Pitt' and the officers of court have a lien for fees. This January 3rd, 1887.

Witness my hand this 6th day of Jan., 1887.

J. B. SPENCER, S. L. C.

BY J. Q. LACKEY, D. S.

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of Execution No. 353 directed to me, which issued from the Clerk's office of the Lawrence Circuit Court, in favor of K. F. Vinson (adm'r. of the estate of J. H. Ross, Dec'd.), Pitt', against J. S. Hatchell, M. J. Ferguson (Administrator of M. J. Ferguson Deed), W. D. Rose, Peter Riffe and G. F. Johnson, Defts, for the sum of \$300 or, I, or one of my Deputies will, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1887, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock p. m., at the Court House in Louisa, Lawrence county, Ky., expose to Public Sale, to the highest bidder, the following property (or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's debt, interest, and costs), viz.: Two tracts of land situated in Lawrence county, Ky., and just below the town of Louisa, and the same lands formerly owned by Judge M. J. Ferguson, deceased. One of said tracts of land was deeded by J. D. Wellman to said Ferguson, and the other tract of land was deeded, or a bid signed over from J. C. Castle to said Ferguson. Said tract of land was bid in by J. C. Castle at the sale of the property of Thos. Wallace's estate. Levied upon as the property of M. J. Ferguson, Adm'r. of M. J. Ferguson, Defts; thence with said line down Laurel creek; N. 15 W. 70 poles to a stake; N. 35 E. 94 poles to a stake; N. 37 W. 90 poles to a stake on the old Philip Johnson line; S. 22 W. 75 poles to a stake; N. 70 W. 28 poles to a bush and sourwood and Patent corner to a 25 acre survey patented to Wm. Spurlock and the Edmunds line; thence up the point in the said Edmunds line: W. 74 poles to a stake on top of the ridge, thence in the line of the 25 acre survey; S. 25 W. 30 poles to a chestnut and white oak, the beginning corner of the Wm. Spurlock 25 acre survey; thence a straight line to the beginning. Or a sufficient amount thereof to produce the amount of the judgment including the costs of advertisement of sale.—Total \$376.10 and in addition thereto costs of advertising \$10.00. The purchaser will be required to give bond with approved personal security, for the payment of the purchase money to have the force of a judgment, and bearing interest from date until paid. Bidders will have to comply with these terms. The bond will be made payable to Pitt' Abner Spurlock, upon which the Attorney for Pitt' and the officers of court have a lien for fees. This January 3rd, 1887.

JAS. Q. LACKEY.

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